

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to Honor God, by sharing His love, living in Christ, and serving our community.



The trouble with being an atheist is you have nobody to talk to when you are alone.

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Living as Easter People

Whether or not my Easter sermon convinced you to change your favorite holiday to Easter Sunday, the fact remains that because of the events of Easter morning, we are still Easter People. We are people of the resurrection who, because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, live our lives differently than the rest of the world.

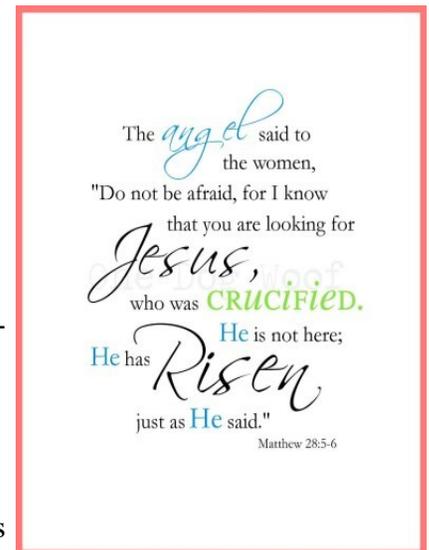
But what does it mean to live as Easter People?

This year, during the Sundays of Easter, we will be considering what it means to live as Easter People. While we are at least somewhat familiar with the first eighteen books of the New Testament; the four Gospels, Acts and Paul's letters, we are far less familiar with those short little books at the end of the Bible written by James, Peter and John. One of those short books is the book of First John. The author is also the author of the Gospel of John but written later and for different reasons. First John was written to a church that was negatively influenced by the Greek philosophy of the time. His words to the members of that congregation, which he addresses as "dear lady," are still applicable to us today because many of the heresies addressed by John still exist today. Greek philosophy asked questions like, "If God is so good, why is there so much evil in the world." "How can a powerful God sit by and not do anything?" "Maybe he just doesn't care or maybe he isn't all that powerful after all."

Although I have been encouraged to do so in the past, I have never preached a sermons series, so this is a new methodology for me. Nevertheless, beginning with the second Sunday of Easter, April 11, we will begin a sermon series considering John's words to an early church that was faced with some of the same issues and questions that we face today. We will be hearing how Easter People live *in* the light of Christ, live *as* Easter children of God, live *for* other people, live *in* God's love, live *with* the Victory of Christ and finally live *in* the Son.

I look forward to this new preaching experience. Now that we are once again worshipping in person, I encourage you will reestablish the habit of coming to worship each Sunday and in the process be reminded of what it means to live as Easter People.

Pastor Larry Oliver



Scripture Readings For April

Season	Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
EASTER	Apr. 4	The Resurrection of Our Lord	Ex. 15:1-11	Psalms 118:15-29	1 Cor. 5:6b-8	John 20:1-18
	Apr. 11	Second S. of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Psalms 148	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
	Apr. 18	Third S. of Easter	Acts 3:11-21	Psalms 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
	Apr. 25	Fourth S. of Easter	Acts 4:1-12	Psalms 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18

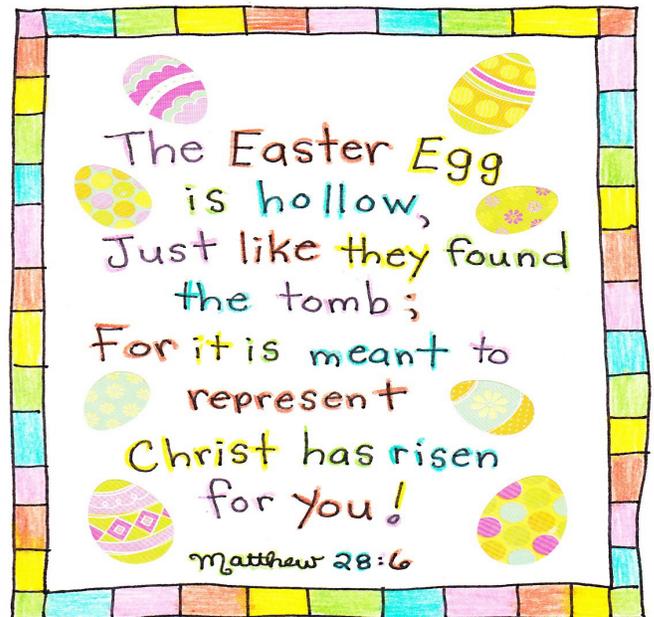
April - COVID 19 Schedule

Dates	Elder	Greeter	Reader	Server	Altar Guild	Counting Team
4-Apr	Covid staff	Easter	Ann Oliver	Easter		
11-Apr	Covid staff	none	Linda Tedisch	none	Ann Capps	
18-Apr	Covid staff	none	Karen Bischopink	none		
25-Apr	Covid staff	none	Keith Moore	none		

Thank you for serving your church
If you cannot serve, please find someone to take your place.
Please leave a note for the secretary.



© See John 20:11-19 04-18-2021
 I'M SORRY MAAM, THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS WAS A MIRACLE, NOT A SERVICE OF THIS CEMETERY



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

- Dennis Hewitt4/20
- Ann Capps4/27

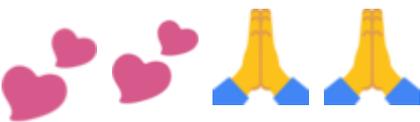
Homeless Outreach News

Hi all my beloved brothers and sisters, well, it's me again. As you know, I keep reminding you to remember the homeless when you do your closet and drawer weeding out. This time I want to put the emphasis on any scraps or unused balls of yarn you want to get rid of. Doesn't matter how little or how much, I don't let any go to



waste. I make at least 175+ hats a year to put in our Christmas gift bags for the homeless. After Bibles, Devotionals, socks and candy the hats are next in line of importance. Maybe they

come before candy. All kidding aside if you have unused or unwanted yarn drop it off at church and I will gratefully pick it up. There are several others who also make hats so I will share the bounty. In Christian Love Dolores



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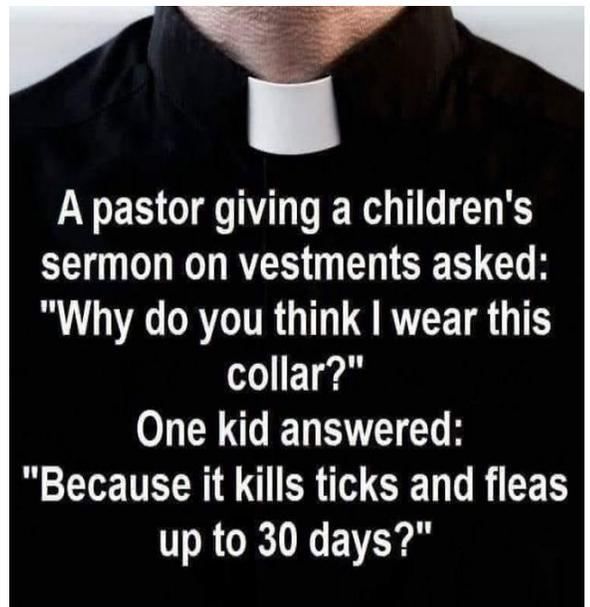
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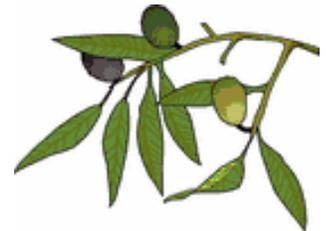
A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?"

One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"

Trivia

OLIVE BRANCH

Egyptians began experimenting with a native shrub at least 4000 years ago. Soon they produced varieties that yielded fine oil. As a result, the olive came into cultivation around the entire Mediterranean basin.



In the biblical story of the great deluge, a freshly plucked olive branch was the first thing to give hope to Noah and his shipmates. Soon this harbinger of good tidings was followed by a promise that the flood would never be repeated.

As a result of that memorable incident, an olive branch became a symbol of peace and good will. Even in lands far too cold for the evergreen tree with edible fruit, the expression born in Egypt is almost universally understood.